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Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION  
AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by:  
(GAE)

***AN ACT CONCERNING CAMPAIGN FINANCE FILINGS AND MAKING  
TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING CHANGES TO CAMPAIGN FINANCE  
STATUTES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General  
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 9-601a of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
3 *passage*):

4 (b) As used in this chapter and chapter 157, "contribution" does not  
5 mean:

6 (1) A loan of money made in the ordinary course of business by a  
7 national or state bank;

8 (2) Any communication made by a corporation, organization or  
9 association to its members, owners, stockholders, executive or  
10 administrative personnel, or their families;

11 (3) Nonpartisan voter registration and get-out-the-vote campaigns

12 by any corporation, organization or association aimed at its members,  
13 owners, stockholders, executive or administrative personnel, or their  
14 families;

15 (4) Uncompensated services provided by individuals volunteering  
16 their time on behalf of a party committee, political committee, slate  
17 committee or candidate committee, including any services provided  
18 for the benefit of nonparticipating and participating candidates under  
19 the Citizens' Election Program and any unreimbursed travel expenses  
20 made by an individual who volunteers the individual's personal  
21 services to any such committee. For purposes of this subdivision, an  
22 individual is a volunteer if such individual is not receiving  
23 compensation for such services regardless of whether such individual  
24 received compensation in the past or may receive compensation in the  
25 future for such services;

26 (5) The use of real or personal property, and the cost of invitations,  
27 food or beverages, voluntarily provided by an individual to a  
28 candidate, including a nonparticipating or participating candidate  
29 under the Citizens' Election Program, party, political or slate  
30 committee, in rendering voluntary personal services at the individual's  
31 residential premises or a community room in the individual's  
32 residence facility, to the extent that the cumulative value of the  
33 invitations, food or beverages provided for any single event by an  
34 individual on behalf of any candidate or committee does not exceed  
35 four hundred dollars with respect to any calendar year or primary or  
36 general election, as the case may be, and does not exceed eight  
37 hundred dollars for any such event hosted by two or more individuals,  
38 provided at least one such individual owns or resides at the residential  
39 premises, and further provided the cumulative value of the invitations,  
40 food or beverages provided by an individual on behalf of any such  
41 candidate or committee does not exceed eight hundred dollars in any  
42 calendar year or single election, as the case may be;

43 (6) The sale of food or beverage for use by a party, political, slate or

44 candidate committee, including those for a participating or  
45 nonparticipating candidate, at a discount, if the charge is not less than  
46 the cost to the vendor, to the extent that the cumulative value of the  
47 discount given to or on behalf of any single candidate committee does  
48 not exceed four hundred dollars with respect to any single primary or  
49 election, or to or on behalf of any party, political or slate committee,  
50 does not exceed six hundred dollars in a calendar year;

51 (7) The display of a lawn sign by a human being or on real property;

52 (8) The payment, by a party committee or slate committee of the  
53 costs of preparation, display, mailing or other distribution incurred by  
54 the committee or individual with respect to any printed slate card,  
55 sample ballot or other printed list containing the names of three or  
56 more candidates;

57 (9) The donation of any item of personal property by an individual  
58 to a committee for a fund-raising affair, including a tag sale or auction,  
59 or the purchase by an individual of any such item at such an affair, to  
60 the extent that the cumulative value donated or purchased does not  
61 exceed one hundred dollars;

62 (10) (A) The purchase of advertising space which clearly identifies  
63 the purchaser, in a program for a fund-raising affair sponsored by the  
64 candidate committee of a candidate for an office of a municipality,  
65 provided the cumulative purchase of such space does not exceed two  
66 hundred fifty dollars from any single such candidate or the candidate's  
67 committee with respect to any single election campaign if the  
68 purchaser is a business entity or fifty dollars for purchases by any  
69 other person;

70 (B) The purchase of advertising space which clearly identifies the  
71 purchaser, in a program for a fund-raising affair or on signs at a fund-  
72 raising affair sponsored by a town committee, provided the  
73 cumulative purchase of such space does not exceed two hundred fifty  
74 dollars from any single town committee in any calendar year if the

75 purchaser is a business entity or fifty dollars for purchases by any  
76 other person. Notwithstanding the provisions of this subparagraph,  
77 the following may not purchase advertising space in a program for a  
78 fund-raising affair or on signs at a fund-raising affair sponsored by a  
79 town committee: (i) A communicator lobbyist, (ii) a member of the  
80 immediate family of a communicator lobbyist, (iii) a state contractor,  
81 (iv) a prospective state contractor, or (v) a principal of a state  
82 contractor or prospective state contractor. As used in this  
83 subparagraph, "state contractor", "prospective state contractor" and  
84 "principal of a state contractor or prospective state contractor" have the  
85 same meanings as provided in subsection (g) of section 9-612;

86 (11) The payment of money by a candidate to the candidate's  
87 candidate committee, provided the committee is for a nonparticipating  
88 candidate;

89 (12) The donation of goods or services by a business entity to a  
90 committee for a fund-raising affair, including a tag sale or auction, to  
91 the extent that the cumulative value donated does not exceed two  
92 hundred dollars;

93 (13) The advance of a security deposit by an individual to a  
94 telephone company, as defined in section 16-1, for telecommunications  
95 service for a committee or to another utility company, such as an  
96 electric company, provided the security deposit is refunded to the  
97 individual;

98 (14) The provision of facilities, equipment, technical and managerial  
99 support, and broadcast time by a community antenna television  
100 company, as defined in section 16-1, for community access  
101 programming pursuant to section 16-331a, unless (A) the major  
102 purpose of providing such facilities, equipment, support and time is to  
103 influence the nomination or election of a candidate, or (B) such  
104 facilities, equipment, support and time are provided on behalf of a  
105 political party;

106       (15) The sale of food or beverage by a town committee to an  
107 individual at a town fair, county fair, local festival or similar mass  
108 gathering held within the state, to the extent that the cumulative  
109 payment made by any one individual for such items does not exceed  
110 fifty dollars;

111       (16) An organization expenditure by a party committee, legislative  
112 caucus committee or legislative leadership committee;

113       (17) The donation of food or beverage by an individual for  
114 consumption at a slate, candidate, political committee or party  
115 committee meeting, event or activity that is not a fund-raising affair to  
116 the extent that the cumulative value of the food or beverages donated  
117 by an individual for a single meeting or event does not exceed fifty  
118 dollars; [or]

119       (18) The value associated with the de minimis activity on behalf of a  
120 party committee, political committee, slate committee or candidate  
121 committee, including for activities including, but not limited to, (A) the  
122 creation of electronic or written communications created on a  
123 voluntary basis without compensation, including, but not limited to,  
124 the creation and ongoing content development and delivery of social  
125 media on the Internet or telephone, including, but not limited to, the  
126 sending or receiving of electronic mail or messages, (B) the posting or  
127 display of a candidate's name or group of candidates' names at a town  
128 fair, county fair, local festival or similar mass gathering by a party  
129 committee, or (C) the use of personal property or a service that is  
130 customarily attendant to the occupancy of a residential dwelling, or  
131 the donation of an item or items of personal property that are  
132 customarily used for campaign purposes, by an individual, to a  
133 candidate committee, provided the cumulative fair market value of  
134 such use of personal property or service or items of personal property  
135 does not exceed one hundred dollars in the aggregate for any single  
136 election or calendar year, as the case may be. For purposes of this  
137 subdivision, "social media" means an electronic medium where users

138 may create and view user-generated content, such as uploaded or  
139 downloaded videos or still photographs, blogs, video blogs, podcasts  
140 or instant messages; or

141 (19) The provision by the state central committee of a political party  
142 of a web site or web sites to gather online contributions, including, but  
143 not limited to, the provision of domain names, equipment, processing  
144 and design costs and technical support to a candidate committee for a  
145 candidate for a state-wide office or the office of state senator or state  
146 representative, provided the web site or web sites are made available  
147 to all candidates who are members of such party on an equal basis.

148 Sec. 2. Subdivision (6) of subsection (b) of section 9-601b of the  
149 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
150 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

151 (6) The use of real or personal property, and the cost of invitations,  
152 food or beverages, voluntarily provided by an individual to a  
153 candidate, [or on behalf of a state central or town committee] including  
154 a nonparticipating or participating candidate under the Citizens'  
155 Election Program, party, political or slate committee, in rendering  
156 voluntary personal services [for candidate or party-related activities] at  
157 the individual's [residence] residential premises or a community room  
158 in the individual's residence facility, to the extent that the cumulative  
159 value of the invitations, food or beverages provided for any single  
160 event by [the] an individual on behalf of any [single candidate for  
161 nomination or election] candidate or committee does not exceed [two]  
162 four hundred dollars with respect to any [single election, and on behalf  
163 of all state central and town committees does not exceed four] calendar  
164 year or primary or general election, as the case may be, and does not  
165 exceed eight hundred dollars for any such event hosted by two or  
166 more individuals, provided at least one such individual owns or  
167 resides at the residential premises, and further provided the  
168 cumulative value of the invitations, food or beverages provided by an  
169 individual on behalf of any such candidate or committee does not

170 exceed eight hundred dollars in a calendar year or single election, as  
171 the case may be;

172       Sec. 3. Subsection (c) of section 9-605 of the general statutes is  
173 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
174 *January 1, 2014*):

175       (c) The [chairman] campaign treasurer of each political committee  
176 shall report, in the form of an amended statement, any addition to or  
177 change in information previously submitted in a statement of  
178 organization to the proper authority not later than ten days after the  
179 addition or change, provided if an officer of the committee has  
180 changed, such amended statement shall be filed by the chairperson of  
181 the committee.

182       Sec. 4. Subsection (a) of section 9-608 of the general statutes is  
183 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
184 *January 1, 2014*):

185       (a) (1) Each treasurer of a committee, other than a state central  
186 committee, shall file a statement, sworn under penalty of false  
187 statement with the proper authority in accordance with the provisions  
188 of section 9-603, (A) on the tenth calendar day in the months of  
189 January, April, July and October, provided, if such tenth calendar day  
190 is a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, the statement shall be filed on  
191 the next business day, except that, in the case of a candidate or  
192 exploratory committee established for an office to be elected at a  
193 special election, statements pursuant to this subparagraph shall not be  
194 required, (B) on the seventh day preceding each regular state election,  
195 except that (i) in the case of a candidate or exploratory committee  
196 established for an office to be elected at a municipal election, the  
197 statement shall be filed on the seventh day preceding a regular  
198 municipal election in lieu of such date, (ii) in the case of a town  
199 committee, the statement shall be filed on the seventh day preceding  
200 each municipal election in addition to such date, [and] (iii) in the case

201 of a candidate committee in a state election that is required to file any  
202 supplemental campaign finance statements pursuant to subdivisions  
203 (1) and (2) of subsection (a) of section 9-712, as amended by this act,  
204 such supplemental campaign finance statements shall satisfy the filing  
205 requirement under this subdivision, and (iv) in the case of a candidate  
206 committee established by a candidate whose name is not eligible to  
207 appear on the ballot, such statement shall not be required, and (C) if  
208 the committee has made or received a contribution or expenditure in  
209 connection with any other election, a primary or a referendum, on the  
210 seventh day preceding the election, primary or referendum, except that  
211 in the case of a candidate committee in a primary that is required to  
212 file statements pursuant to subdivisions (1) and (2) of subsection (a) of  
213 section 9-712, as amended by this act, such statements shall satisfy the  
214 filing requirement under this subdivision. The statement shall be  
215 complete as of eleven fifty-nine o'clock p.m. of the last day of the  
216 month preceding the month in which the statement is required to be  
217 filed, except that for the statement required to be filed on the seventh  
218 day preceding the election, primary or referendum, the statement shall  
219 be complete as of eleven fifty-nine o'clock p.m. of the second day  
220 immediately preceding the required filing day. The statement shall  
221 cover a period to begin with the first day not included in the last filed  
222 statement. In the case of a candidate committee, the statement required  
223 to be filed in January shall be in lieu of the statement formerly required  
224 to be filed within forty-five days following an election.

225 (2) Each campaign treasurer of a candidate committee [, within]  
226 established by a candidate in a primary, not later than thirty days  
227 following [any] such primary, and each [campaign] treasurer of a  
228 political committee formed for a single primary, election or  
229 referendum, [within] not later than forty-five days after any election or  
230 referendum not held in November, shall file statements in the same  
231 manner as is required of them under subdivision (1) of this subsection.  
232 A candidate committee established by a candidate who is unsuccessful  
233 in the primary shall not be required to file any statements required

234 under subdivision (1) of this subsection following the primary unless  
 235 the candidate is eligible to appear on the general election ballot. If the  
 236 campaign treasurer of a candidate committee established by a  
 237 candidate, who is unsuccessful in the primary or has terminated his  
 238 candidacy prior to the primary, distributes all surplus funds within  
 239 thirty days following the scheduled primary and discloses the  
 240 distribution on the postprimary statement, such campaign treasurer  
 241 shall not be required to file any subsequent statement unless the  
 242 committee has a deficit, in which case he shall file any required  
 243 statements in accordance with the provisions of subdivision (3) of  
 244 subsection (e) of this section.

245 (3) In the case of a state central [committees] committee, (A) on the  
 246 tenth calendar day in the months of January, April and July, provided,  
 247 if such tenth calendar day is a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, on  
 248 the next business day, [and] (B) on the twelfth day preceding any  
 249 regular election, and (C) if the committee has made or received a  
 250 contribution or expenditure in connection with any other election, or  
 251 any primary or referendum, on the twelfth day preceding the election,  
 252 primary or referendum, the campaign treasurer of [each such] the  
 253 committee shall file with the proper authority, a statement, sworn  
 254 under penalty of false statement, complete as of the last day of the  
 255 month immediately preceding the month in which such statement is to  
 256 be filed in the case of statements required to be filed in January, April  
 257 and July, and complete as of the nineteenth day preceding an election,  
 258 primary or referendum in the case of the statement required to be filed  
 259 on the twelfth day preceding an election, primary or referendum, and  
 260 in each case covering a period to begin with the first day not included  
 261 in the last filed statement.

262 Sec. 5. Subdivisions (1) and (2) of subsection (f) of section 9-610 of  
 263 the general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in  
 264 lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2014*):

265 (f) (1) A political committee established by two or more individuals

266 under subparagraph (B) of subdivision (3) of section 9-601, as other  
267 than a committee established solely for the purpose of aiding or  
268 promoting any candidate or candidates for municipal office or the  
269 success or defeat of a referendum question, shall be subject to the  
270 prohibition on acceptance of lobbyist contributions under subsection  
271 (e) of this section unless the campaign treasurer of the committee has  
272 filed a registration statement as described in subsection (b) of section 9-  
273 605 with the State Elections Enforcement Commission, on or before  
274 November 15, 2012, for all such political committees in existence on  
275 such date, or, if the committee is not in existence on such date, not later  
276 than ten days after the organization of the committee pursuant to  
277 subsection (a) of section 9-605, and on or before November fifteenth of  
278 each even-numbered year thereafter. Such statements shall be filed  
279 even if there are no changes, additions or deletions to the registration  
280 statement previously filed with the commission. Notwithstanding the  
281 provisions of this subdivision, if an officer of the committee has  
282 changed since the last registration statement filed with the  
283 commission, the chairperson of the committee shall file such  
284 registration statement.

285 (2) A political committee established for ongoing political activities  
286 and required pursuant to subsection (a) of section 9-603 to file  
287 statements with the commission shall be subject to the prohibition on  
288 making contributions under subsection (e) of this section unless the  
289 campaign treasurer of the committee has filed a registration statement  
290 as described in subsection (b) of section 9-605 with the commission, on  
291 forms prescribed by the commission, on or before November 15, 2012,  
292 for all such political committees in existence on such date, or, if the  
293 committee is not in existence on such date, not later than ten days after  
294 the organization of the committee pursuant to subsection (a) of section  
295 9-605, and on or before November fifteenth of each even-numbered  
296 year thereafter. Such statements shall be filed even if there are no  
297 changes, additions or deletions to the registration statement previously  
298 filed with the commission. Notwithstanding the provisions of this

299 subdivision, if an officer of the committee has changed since the last  
300 registration statement filed with the commission, the chairperson of  
301 the committee shall file such registration statement.

302 Sec. 6. Subsection (d) of section 9-612 of the general statutes is  
303 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
304 *passage*):

305 (d) Any [individual] person other than a committee may make  
306 unlimited [contributions or] expenditures to aid or promote the  
307 success or defeat of any referendum question, provided any  
308 [individual] person other than a committee who makes an expenditure  
309 or expenditures in excess of one thousand dollars to promote the  
310 success or defeat of any referendum question shall file statements  
311 according to the same schedule and in the same manner as is required  
312 of a campaign treasurer of a political committee under section 9-608, as  
313 amended by this act.

314 Sec. 7. Subdivision (3) of subsection (e) of section 9-612 of the  
315 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
316 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

317 (3) The independent expenditure report shall (A) identify the  
318 candidate for whom the independent expenditure or expenditures is  
319 intended to promote the success or defeat, (B) affirm under penalty of  
320 false statement that the expenditure is an independent expenditure, (C)  
321 in the case of an entity required to disclose the top five donors  
322 pursuant to subsection (h) of section 9-621, as amended by this act,  
323 disclose the aggregate amount donated by each such donor during the  
324 twelve-month period before the independent expenditure was made or  
325 obligated to be made, and [(C)] (D) provide any information that the  
326 State Elections Enforcement Commission requires to facilitate  
327 compliance with the provisions of this chapter or chapter 157.

328 Sec. 8. Subsection (h) of section 9-621 of the general statutes is  
329 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*

330 *passage*):

331 (h) (1) No entity shall make or incur an independent expenditure for  
 332 any written, typed or other printed communication, or any web-based,  
 333 written communication, that promotes the success or defeat of any  
 334 candidate for nomination or election or promotes or opposes any  
 335 political party or solicits funds to benefit any political party or  
 336 committee, unless such communication bears upon its face the words  
 337 "Paid for by" and the name of the entity, the name of its chief executive  
 338 officer or equivalent, and its principal business address and the words  
 339 "This message was made independent of any candidate or political  
 340 party.". In the case of an entity making or incurring such an  
 341 independent expenditure, which entity is a tax-exempt organization  
 342 under Section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or any  
 343 subsequent corresponding internal revenue code of the United States,  
 344 as amended from time to time, or an incorporated tax-exempt political  
 345 organization organized under Section 527 of said code, such  
 346 communication shall also bear upon its face the words ["Top Five  
 347 Contributors"] "Top Five Donors" followed by a list of the five persons  
 348 or entities making the largest [contributions] donations to such  
 349 organization during the twelve-month period before the date of such  
 350 communication.

351 (2) In addition to the requirements of subdivision (1) of this  
 352 subsection, no entity shall make or incur an independent expenditure  
 353 for television advertising or Internet video advertising, that promotes  
 354 the success or defeat of any candidate for nomination or election or  
 355 promotes or opposes any political party or solicits funds to benefit any  
 356 political party or committee, unless at the end of such advertising there  
 357 appears simultaneously, for a period of not less than four seconds, (A)  
 358 a clearly identifiable video, photographic or similar image of the  
 359 entity's chief executive officer or equivalent, and (B) a personal audio  
 360 message, in the following form: "I am .... (name of entity's chief  
 361 executive officer or equivalent), .... (title) of .... (entity). This message  
 362 was made independent of any candidate or political party, and I

363 approved its content.". In the case of an entity making or incurring  
364 such an independent expenditure, which entity is a tax-exempt  
365 organization under Section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of  
366 1986, or any subsequent corresponding internal revenue code of the  
367 United States, as amended from time to time, or an incorporated tax-  
368 exempt political organization organized under Section 527 of said  
369 code, such advertising shall also include a written message in the  
370 following form: "The top five [contributors] donors to the organization  
371 responsible for this advertisement are" followed by a list of the five  
372 persons or entities making the largest [contributions] donations during  
373 the twelve-month period before the date of such advertisement.

374 (3) In addition to the requirements of subdivision (1) of this  
375 subsection, no entity shall make or incur an independent expenditure  
376 for radio advertising or Internet audio advertising, that promotes the  
377 election or defeat of any candidate for nomination or election or  
378 promotes or opposes any political party or solicits funds to benefit any  
379 political party or committee, unless the advertising ends with a  
380 personal audio statement by the entity's chief executive officer or  
381 equivalent (A) identifying the entity paying for the expenditure, and  
382 (B) indicating that the message was made independent of any  
383 candidate or political party, using the following form: "I am .... (name  
384 of entity's chief executive officer or equivalent), .... (title), of .... (entity).  
385 This message was made independent of any candidate or political  
386 party, and I approved its content.". In the case of an entity making or  
387 incurring such an independent expenditure, which entity is a tax-  
388 exempt organization under Section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue  
389 Code of 1986, or any subsequent corresponding internal revenue code  
390 of the United States, as amended from time to time, or an incorporated  
391 tax-exempt political organization organized under Section 527 of said  
392 code, such advertising shall also include (i) an audio message in the  
393 following form: "The top five [contributors] donors to the organization  
394 responsible for this advertisement are" followed by a list of the five  
395 persons or entities making the largest [contributions] donations during

396 the twelve-month period before the date of such advertisement, or (ii)  
397 in the case of such an advertisement that is thirty seconds in duration  
398 or shorter, an audio message providing a web site address that lists  
399 such five persons or entities. In such case, the organization shall  
400 establish and maintain such a web site with such listing for the entire  
401 period during which such organization makes such advertisement.

402 (4) In addition to the requirements of subdivision (1) of this  
403 subsection, no entity shall make or incur an independent expenditure  
404 for automated telephone calls that promote the election or defeat of  
405 any candidate for nomination or election or promotes or opposes any  
406 political party or solicits funds to benefit any political party or  
407 committee, unless the narrative of the telephone call identifies the  
408 entity making the expenditure and its chief executive officer or  
409 equivalent. In the case of an entity making or incurring such an  
410 independent expenditure, which entity is a tax-exempt organization  
411 under Section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or any  
412 subsequent corresponding internal revenue code of the United States,  
413 as amended from time to time, or an incorporated tax-exempt political  
414 organization organized under Section 527 of said code, such narrative  
415 shall also include an audio message in the following form: "The top  
416 five [contributors] donors to the organization responsible for this  
417 telephone call are" followed by a list of the five persons or entities  
418 making the largest [contributions] donations during the twelve-month  
419 period before the date of such telephone call.

420 Sec. 9. Subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of section 9-623 of the  
421 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
422 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

423 (b) (1) If any campaign treasurer fails to file any statement required  
424 by section 9-608, as amended by this act, or if any candidate fails to file  
425 either (A) a statement for the formation of a candidate committee as  
426 required by section 9-604, or (B) a certification pursuant to section  
427 9-603 that the candidate is exempt from forming a candidate

428 committee as required by section 9-604, within the time required, the  
429 campaign treasurer or candidate, as the case may be, shall pay a late  
430 filing fee of one hundred dollars, unless such statement or certification  
431 should have reasonably been received by the commission by the  
432 deadline.

433 Sec. 10. Subsection (a) of section 9-712 of the general statutes is  
434 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
435 *passage*):

436 (a) (1) The campaign treasurer of each candidate committee in a  
437 primary campaign or a general election campaign in which there is at  
438 least one participating candidate shall file weekly supplemental  
439 campaign finance statements with the commission in accordance with  
440 the provisions of subdivision (2) of this subsection. Such weekly  
441 statements shall be in lieu of the campaign finance statements due  
442 pursuant to subparagraphs (B) and (C) of subdivision (1) of subsection  
443 (a) of section 9-608, as amended by this act.

444 (2) Each such campaign treasurer shall file weekly supplemental  
445 campaign finance statements with the commission pursuant to the  
446 following schedule: (A) In the case of a primary campaign, on the  
447 [next] second Thursday following the date in July on which treasurers  
448 are required to file campaign finance statements pursuant to  
449 subparagraph (A) of subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 9-608,  
450 as amended by this act, and each Thursday thereafter up to and  
451 including the Thursday before the day of the primary, and (B) in the  
452 case of a general election campaign, on the [next] second Thursday  
453 following the date in October on which candidates are required to file  
454 campaign finance statements pursuant to subparagraph (A) of  
455 subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 9-608, as amended by this  
456 act, and each Thursday thereafter up to and including the Thursday  
457 before the day of the election. The statement shall be complete as of  
458 eleven fifty-nine o'clock p.m. of the second day immediately preceding  
459 the required filing day. The statement shall cover the period beginning

460 with the first day not included in the last filed statement.

461 (3) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivisions (1) and (2) of  
462 this subsection, if a participating candidate committee in a primary  
463 campaign or a general election campaign in which there is at least one  
464 participating candidate makes expenditures or incurs an obligation to  
465 make expenditures that, in the aggregate, exceed one hundred per cent  
466 of the applicable expenditure limit for the applicable primary or  
467 general election campaign period, the campaign treasurer of any such  
468 candidate committee shall file a declaration of excess expenditures  
469 statement with the commission, pursuant to the following schedule:  
470 (A) If a candidate committee makes expenditures or incurs an  
471 obligation to make such expenditures more than twenty days before  
472 the day of such primary or election, the campaign treasurer of such  
473 candidate shall file such statement with the commission not later than  
474 forty-eight hours after making such expenditures or incurring an  
475 obligation to make such expenditures, and (B) if a candidate committee  
476 makes such expenditures or incurs an obligation to make such  
477 expenditures twenty days or less before the day of such primary or  
478 election, the campaign treasurer of such candidate shall file such  
479 statement with the commission not later than twenty-four hours after  
480 making such expenditures or incurring an obligation to make such  
481 expenditures. The statement shall be complete as of eleven fifty-nine  
482 o'clock p.m. of the first day immediately preceding the required filing  
483 day. The statement shall cover a period beginning with the first day  
484 not included in the last filed statement.

485 (4) Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection, the  
486 statements required to be filed pursuant to subdivisions (1) and (2) of  
487 this subsection shall not be required to be filed by (A) a candidate  
488 committee of a candidate that is exempt from filing campaign finance  
489 statements pursuant to subsection (b) of section 9-608 unless or until  
490 such a candidate committee receives or expends an amount in excess  
491 of one thousand dollars for purposes of the primary or election for  
492 which such committee was formed, (B) a candidate committee of a

493 candidate that is no longer eligible for a position on the ballot, or [(B)]  
 494 (C) a candidate committee of a participating candidate that is  
 495 unopposed, except that such candidate committee shall file a  
 496 supplemental statement on the last Thursday before the applicable  
 497 primary or general election. Such statement shall be complete as of  
 498 eleven fifty-nine o'clock p.m. of the second day immediately preceding  
 499 the required filing day. The statement shall cover a period beginning  
 500 with the first day not included in the last filed statement.

501 (5) Each supplemental statement required under subdivision (1), (2)  
 502 or (3) of this subsection for a candidate shall disclose the information  
 503 required under subsection (c) of section 9-608. The commission shall  
 504 adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54,  
 505 specifying permissible media for the transmission of such statements  
 506 to the commission, which shall include electronic [mail] filing.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	9-601a(b)
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	9-601b(b)(6)
Sec. 3	<i>January 1, 2014</i>	9-605(c)
Sec. 4	<i>January 1, 2014</i>	9-608(a)
Sec. 5	<i>January 1, 2014</i>	9-610(f)(1) and (2)
Sec. 6	<i>from passage</i>	9-612(d)
Sec. 7	<i>from passage</i>	9-612(e)(3)
Sec. 8	<i>from passage</i>	9-621(h)
Sec. 9	<i>from passage</i>	9-623(b)(1)
Sec. 10	<i>from passage</i>	9-712(a)

**Statement of Purpose:**

To create an exception to the definition of contribution permitting state central committees to set up a web site or web sites for the purpose of gathering online contributions for candidates for the offices of state senator or state representative and for state-wide offices, to make technical and conforming changes to the "house party" exception to the definition of expenditure, to make technical and conforming changes to the political committee registration process, to make changes to the

campaign finance filing calendars by eliminating multiple reports filed within a few days of each other, to allow preexisting unincorporated groups to make expenditures for referendum advocacy or opposition, to require those entities making independent expenditures which are required to disclose the top five donors in their attributions to identify the aggregate amount of funds donated by each such donor in their campaign finance disclosure statements, to grant the State Elections Enforcement Commission the ability to deviate from the mandatory late filing penalty if the committee took steps to ensure timely filing, and to make other technical and conforming changes to the campaign finance statutes.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*